

About the Minerals Management Service

The Minerals Management Service (MMS), a bureau in the U.S. Department of the Interior, is the federal agency that manages the nation's natural gas and oil, as well as other mineral resources on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The agency also collects, accounts for, and disburses more than \$8 billion per year in revenues from federal offshore mineral leases and from onshore mineral leases on federal and Indian lands.



The program is national in scope and headquartered in Washington, D.C. It includes two major programs, Offshore Minerals Management and Minerals Revenue Management. The offshore program, which manages the mineral resources on the OCS, is comprised of three regions: Alaska, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Pacific. The Minerals Revenue Management program is headquartered in Washington, D.C., but it is operationally based in Denver, Colorado.

MMS' mission is to manage ocean energy, mineral resources, and alternative energy development on the OCS and federal and Indian mineral revenues in order to enhance public and trust benefits, promote responsible use, and realize fair value.

MMS develops the marine cadastre, which includes the lease block grids and various offshore boundaries. This information provides the base for nearly all MMS offshore maps and leasing processes. It also gives MMS the means to define, describe, analyze, and account for every acre or hectare of Federal Offshore Submerged Lands.